



HOT WEATHER COME!

...AT LAST...

So when you are looking for something that will make you feel cool and pleasant, come in and inspect our line of

4TH OF JULY GOODS

Linen and Crash Skirts, Shirtwaists, Underwear, Organ-dies, Lawns, Corsets, Parasols and Oxfords for the fair sex.

Linen Pants, Alpaca Coats, Straw and Duck Hats, Pique Knee Pant Suits, Balbriggan and Drill Underwear, Silk and Puff Bosom Shirts, Neckwear, etc., for the Men and Boys.

We also have a few of those Men's and Boys' Suits which we're selling out at cost. It will pay you to look at them before you buy a suit elsewhere.

Our stock of groceries is complete in every respect, and will pay you to get our prices before buying. Country Produce wanted at highest market price.



COBB & MCGLASSON

4th of July SURPRISES

Flags and all kinds of decorations for the occasion.

Now is the time of harvest. Now is the time to reap the benefit of low prices. Read this and profit thereby. Below is a list of the many good things you need:

Fruit Jars.

Mason's 1-qt 55c pr dozen.
Mason's 2-qt 80c pr dozen
Mascot baking powder, premium with every pkg, 15c
Fly traps, fly killers and tanglefoot fly paper.

Glass fruit sets, 7 pcs, 35c
Presse glass tumblers 15c per set.

Giant bottle blueing, large bottle, 5c

Molasses pitchers 10, 25, 35c

Black pins, 2 boxes 5c

Socks, cut from 15 to 10c

Ladies' Vests, 10, 15, 25c

Gloves, ladies' or gent's 25c and upward.

Gent's silk ties 25, 45, 60c

Clothes pins, 2 doz for 5c

Baskets—flower, work and waste.

Fairbanks soap, 2 bars 5c

Williamatic thread 7 spools for 25c

Coats' thread, 6 spools 25c

Honey drip, pr qt 10c

Lyon coffee, 2 pkgs 25c

Rolled oats, 2 pkgs 25c

Crackers, 3 lbs 25c

Vanilla wafers, pr lb 20c

Jardineers, 35c up

Extracts of all kinds.

Stationary.

Fantam tablets 5c

Sweet Sixteen 10c

Hurlbut's tinted note 35, 40 and 50c.

Strathmore deckledge 60c

Calling and invitation cards 20 and 25c.

Legal and fools cap 2 folds for 5c.

Jewelry.

Genuine opal rings, solid gold, \$3 and 4.

Baby rings 25c

Broaches 25c up

Beauty pins, 6 for 25c

Tinware.

1 quart coffee pot 10c

3 " " 15c

4 " " 20c

Lunch bucket 25c

Lanterns 50c

Flour sifters 10c

Flour bins .85 and \$1.60

Lard cans, watering cans, dish pans, measures, 1, 2 and 4 quarts, tin buckets, pie plates and wash pans.

Graniteware.

2 quart sauce pans 10c

8 " " 25c

Batter buckets 25c

Coffee pots, tea pots, dish-pans, oat meal boilers, chambers, tea kettles, galvanized wash tubs, pails, pans, coffee biggins, wash boilers—prices way down.

Miscellaneous.

Brooms 15 and 20c, croquet sets, hammocks, bicycles, lamp shades.

Cigars.

Child's, Spanish sticks, cheroots, Mercantile and lots of others. Tobaccos, cigarettes and snuff, Blanke & Bro's, candies.

Queensware.

Plates 45c a set, cups and saucers 50c a set.

3 quart pitchers 30c

1 gallon " 40c

Cream " 15c

Bowls 10 and 15c

Vegetable dishes 15, 20, 25c

Tureens 75c

Bowles and pitchers, \$1.00

Chamber sets, \$5 to \$9

Pitchers, crocks, jars, churns, down—way down price. Notions too numerous to mention. Come and see.

Cold Drinks.

Best in town. Lemonade, cocacola, Dr. Peppers, cherry phosphate, ice cream and ice cream soda. Clerks always glad to wait on customers. Money returned and natural ice delivered to any part city. Telephone 61.

Burns' Racket

GOOD TIME COMING....

Everybody is looking forward with delight to the grand Fourth of July. Of course the ladies will all want new dresses. I anticipated their wants, and now have—just arrived—a very beautiful and extensive line of.....

Dimities, Organdies, India Linens and Lawns.

I am selling these goods at a price that is within the reach of all. The leading line of Laces and Embroideries can be found at my store. I can sell you a handsome and serviceable

Shoe or Slipper as cheap as any one in town.

Groceries. You will need a little extra in this line for the coming holiday. I am fixed the for emergency. My grocery department is well filled with the newest and freshest groceries to be found on the market. Make my store your stopping place; we will gladly entertain you. Yours Truly,

JOHN C. GRAY.

The Popular Cash Store of the Northern District.

REV. BREWER CALLED.

Willie Halsell College to be Rehabilitated.

The college board that met in this city the first of last week arranged for several important changes in the management of Willie Halsell college. Rev. Theo. F. Brewer, of South McAlester, was appointed president of the college, but as yet has not accepted the place, but it is thought will do so at an early day.

A dormitory for boys will be built somewhere on the college campus. The board has given \$1,000 of the money and friends of the institution here will supply the balance.

Aside from the mere gift of \$1,000 the action of the board means much more. It means that the Methodist church (south) is back of this institution now, fully. In the past it has been to a great degree a local school and its influence has been greatly circumscribed. But now the need for a Vinita school of this kind disappears, with the opening of the public schools next fall. It thus becomes a question of either closing the institution or of opening it upon broader lines, and that the latter course has been decided upon. We should all be thankful, and manifest our gratitude in a substantial, tangible manner. In this act of putting in money at this time the educational board of this church has said plainly that this school shall be maintained. And it should be remembered that no one so well as these boards know what it takes to make an institution of high learning successful—money. These societies get in debt, frequently borrow money in large sums, but no one knows their resources—not even its officers have any clear idea of them. The Methodist church of the world have started a "20th century fund" to be used for education, and have set the figure at \$29,000,000 to be raised by the last day of 1900. It is apportioned thus: Southern Methodist church, \$1,500,000; north \$20,000,000; Canadian, \$5,000,000; English, \$2,500,000. The amount proposed to be raised by the south church is substantially one dollar per member. The apportionment for the Indian Territory conference is \$12,000, with a membership of about 24,000. But instead of being contented with contributing this sum, the church

proposes to double its assessment and has already raised \$11,000. From this array of figures it can be seen that there is hardly a limit to the amount which can be paid for the maintenance of deserving and needed schools. The plan is to endow those which are to be kept up permanently, and we should let no act of commission or omission cut Willie Halsell college out of this select list.

PREACH TO THE LOST.

The Relation of The Church to The Community.

Thoughtful church people in Vinita are thinking much along the line of the relation the church sustains to the community, and how the preaching of the gospel and the work of the membership can be made more effective. Some one has said "a church is not a place to work in, but rather a force to work with." Yet many a pastor finds it necessary to preach constantly to those that are already saved in order to keep them saved. If the pastor of a church could feel that his members are converted christian people, and have grown beyond the place where they must be constantly preached to, may be some work might be attempted with the unsaved.

Every regiment going to war leaves its sick in the hospital. That is where the church ought to leave those who want to be petted, and coddled, and visited by the pastor instead of going to work in aggressive service in the saving of the lost. Every church ought to be a living force in the community. If the church is to be an asylum for weak and childish and back-slidden christians, and if the preacher must spend his time nursing and tending them what is the unsaved, young and old, of the town to do.

Enough men and boys stand and sit in front of the stores and along the streets Sunday morning's to fill every church edifice in town to overflowing. A large portion of these are boys in their teens, and they show very plainly by their actions that there is no attraction at the sabbath school or church for them. Perhaps when the pastors get through preaching to their membership they may turn their attention to these.

The Worcester Business College will give special rates during the summer term. Book-keeping, shorthand, penmanship, etc. Call and get prices on combination course.

SIZING UP HORSES.

They Are Correctly Invoiced in Short Order.

Frank Burekhalter spent a day in the Chicago horse market the first of last week, and is greatly impressed with the system and dispatch with which horses are handled, ridden, driven, broken and sold there. Chicago is the greatest horse market in the world, and expert horsemen are employed to show them. About five minutes is the time allowed to a span of horses that are to be tested, and in that short time the speed and endurance, as well as the general utility of the animal is measured with as much precision as though it was a yard of cloth in the hands of a skillful drygoodsman. Wild and entirely unbroken horses are hitched up and trained in short order. A horse is driven rapidly to a cart something like the distance of a couple of blocks and suddenly brought to a stop and rapped sharply with a cane across the abdomen while held by the nostrils. If he shows signs of pain by a groan it is taken as evidence that his lungs are not sound.

PROSECUTING THE TONIC MEN.

Fortunately None of Vinita's Citizens Liable.

Attorneys Preston Davis and J. H. Akin returned from Muskogee Thursday where they had been on business with the court. They report Judge Thomas as being "red hot" after Rochester tonic and hop ale vendors. The grand jury was given additional instructions yesterday and a case which they had seen fit to ignore was again referred to them by his honor, and they were told that their duty was to indict whenever the testimony showed that the law had been violated. Joe Gibbs was not liberated as was reported but is in jail awaiting trial.

ATTORNEY AND TEACHER.

But Vinita Impresses Him as Supplied With Both.

P. D. Mitchell, of Moberly, Mo., a lawyer and school teacher, was in the city last Friday, being on a prospecting tour. On learning there were upwards of twenty-five attorneys permanently located in the city he saw little encouragement, although acknowledging that there was always room for another and some vacancies at the top of the ladder.

HECK BRUNER'S FUNERAL

Held Last Saturday—Business all Suspended.

The funeral of Heck Bruner, whose body was found Friday about one mile below the point where Mr. Bruner was drowned, at the mouth of Little Spavinaw, was held at Pryor Creek Saturday at 9 o'clock. The procession was headed by about thirty brother Masons, and followed by more than two hundred friends. At the grave there was held a very brief ceremony, reading of the Masonic rights, and a short prayer by the Rev. Thos. Toney, of Pryor Creek; Mayor Sheehan, of this city officiated on the part of the order. Mrs. Bruner, was unable to attend. She has been prostrated ever since the sad news of her husband's drowning. Several friends and relatives of the family were present, among them being the three children of the dead man.

Those present from Vinita were Mayor Sheehan, Judge Buffington, E. N. Williamson, Morris and Joe Knight, Bert, John and Gather Chandler, J. M. B. Fowler, Keller Walker, John Sheehan, Tomas Monaghan and several others. Pryor Creek is in mourning over the loss of their good friend and faithful officer. Business was entirely suspended.

When drowned Mr. Bruner was going over in the hills with writs for the Muskogee court, and was in haste to serve the papers as the parties were wanted while court is in session. He had thirteen writs in his pockets. No one saw him drown save Vet Thompson and a small boy on the ferry boat on the east side. Mr. Bruner evidently was about tired out swimming and called to the boy that he was going to drown, and then turned upon his back, and as he did so a wave passed over him and he immediately went down, about two thirds of the way across.

Hickman Bruner, generally known as "Heck", resided with his family in this city for nearly ten years. He was formerly from Siloam Springs, Benton county, Arkansas, and first served as posseman under Barney Connelly, deputy, under United States Marshal Carroll, and later under Marshal Jacob Yoes, of the Ft. Smith court. After the death of Connelly Mr. Bruner took up regular work in the territory for the Ft. Smith court and made his headquarters at Vinita, and subsequently

became a deputy of the Indian Territory marshal's force and was one of the most useful and fearless of officers. On account of his persistence in hunting down outlaws of the worst type that infested this country some years ago he became a marked man, and Dick Adams, among others, way-laid the roads for weeks in the hill country east of the river in the hope of getting a shot at Bruner from the brush.

The story of Bruner's work as an officer of the law in this country is an important chapter in the history of the west; from the killing of the "Kep Queen" gang nine years ago, on down including the destruction and driving out of the Bob Rogers gang, and many others, makes Bruner's name familiar to all the people of this country. In the cemetery north of town, in a corner to itself, is a group of unmarked mounds known as "Heck Bruner's grave yard" in which are interred the remains of a number of the most reckless and dangerous bandits known in all the bloody history of the Indian country. These outlaws have been from time to time killed in raids in country within a radius of twenty-five or thirty miles of Vinita and brought in for identification and burial. The business men and especially the banks of Vinita and of other points have been under obligations to Bruner, along with other officers, for the safety of their business from robbery. In appreciation of Mr. Bruner's services the First National bank of this city made him a present of \$50 on one occasion when he returned from a dangerous and successful raid after a band of bank and train robbers, who were rendezvousing south of town.

Mr. Bruner leaves a widow and three children whose home for several months past has been at Pryor Creek.

The Dawes commission recently sent an agent to the Kansas City market and purchased thirty fine large animals to be used by the appraisers in the Choctaw nation.

Now what is to become of the poor fellows just pardoned out of the defunct national prison at Tahlequah? About the only thing left is for them to go to work.

The executive council of the Cherokee nation met at Tahlequah Wednesday and voted to liberate the prisoners in the national jail at that place.

AN HISTORICAL WORK.

The Time if Ever for Securing a Cherokee History.

The wife of the late Chief D. W. Bushyhead is engaged in the self imposed task of preparing matter for a book dealing chiefly with her husband's connection with the nation. In this work she desires the assistance of those having documents or correspondence of a public character along these lines. Communicate with the lady at Tahlequah. The work as stated will deal chiefly with the nation during Mr. Bushyhead's official connection with it, and chapters will be contributed by most of his contemporaries now living. But further, in a way, much historical matter will be introduced which will make the work of general interest, in proportion as this idea is carried out. Bushyhead is gone. Col. Ross is gone, the Boudinots are gone, and ten years from now most of the "old Cherokees" competent to write history, will be gone. If a history of the Cherokees is ever to be written it seems as though this is a most opportune time, while the widow of its greatest statesman of the generation is engaged in the work described.

THE YARN IS 25 PER CT. STONGER.

Test of the Roundlap Cotton Bale in New England Mills.

Mr. Wm. C. Lovering, a leading New England cotton manufacturer says: The Roundlap bale of the American Cotton Company continues to win favor with the manufacturers of New England, as well as with the spinners of Europe. You can readily understand why this should be so, in view of the saving, and of the fact that after making a very thorough investigation in one of my mills last summer I found that the average breaking strain of yarn spun from this bale is about 25 per cent. greater than the strength of the yarn spun from the old bale.

The Indian Territory papers are very uneasy for fear they will get the worst of it when the matter of statehood for the two territories is settled. Oklahoma is losing no sleep over it.—Oklahoman.

The Downing party in this district will hold the district convention next Monday at Claremore, to nominate candidates for the senate and lower branch of the national council.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC.

Given by Misses Hill and Holly Last Friday—A Jolly Crowd.

Miss Sayde Hill and Miss Laura Holly, gave a delightful moonlight picnic in honor of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett, Friday evening near Brackett's farm. They all drove out in buggies to the creek where about two hours was spent in boating and other amusements then, owing to the darkness in the woods they drove about a mile east, where supper was spread. It was a beautiful evening and with jolly conversation and an abundance of nice things to eat, it was considered a most pleasant social event. Those present to enjoy the evening were Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conklin, Wilton Ratcliff, Sayde Hill and Laura Holly, Burch Burnett and Ethel Goodykountz, Charley Hunt and Severa Barnett, Mont Crockett and Pearl Drew, Stith Davenport and Bessie Kennedy, Alfred Berger and Dewey Hill.

MUST PAY YOUR LICENSE.

Under tribal management the taxes due by non-citizens for doing business in the Indian Territory has been somewhat a matter of chance and favoritism. The Indian agent tried to collect all the taxes due by that class, but as he did not have the authority or the money at hand to put suitable collectors in the field to hunt up those who were not paying, many escaped. Of course, all who would respond to the agent's call were readily accounted for and turned in their fees, but there was a not inconsiderable class who would not respond or who entered business and went out "gain before the agent could reach them."

It has reached Phoenix that the department has appointed special inspectors for each nation (three or four to each nation) whose business it will be to look up every person subject to any tax and report to the Indian office the data on which to work. The inspectors will not be allowed to collect taxes or licenses, but will thoroughly canvass the field for any who are not on the tax roll and fortunate will be the man who is escaped in the search.

Under the law the Indian agent has the power to remove the person from the territory who will not pay the taxes and there is every probability that all will pay alike from this time forward.—Phoenix.